

Dear Chairman Powell and Commissioners,
My goal as an American Citizen is to vote for
democracy. I can't do that
if I don't have the facts.

Our democracy is at risk when many Americans don't know basic facts about the
candidates or the issues, as was the case in the 2000 elections.

Since broadcasters have clearly failed in their obligation to serve the public
interest, the FCC should define meaningful public interest requirements that
include local civic and electoral affairs programming. At a minimum,
broadcasters should air three hours per week of local civic and electoral
affairs programming, with at least two hours devoted to substantive election
coverage in the six weeks prior to Election Day.

As the elections approach, a well-functioning democracy demands that citizens
have access to a diversity of opinions and voices on the choices confronting us.

Sincerely,

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